

REMARKS

In the recent Office Action, the Examiner restricted the examination of the present application under 35 U.S.C. §§ 121 and 372 to one of the following groups:

- I. Claims 1-9, 11-14 and 18, drawn to a method.
- II. Claims 10, 15-17 and 19, drawn to an apparatus.

In response thereto, Applicant elects to continue examination of the invention(s) of Group I, i.e., claims 1-9, 12-14 and 18 (claim 11 has been cancelled). Applicant retains the right to continue prosecution of the unelected claims in one or more continuation or divisional applications.

With respect to the Examiner's comments concerning the restriction, Applicant does not acquiesce to any statements concerning the claims of this application.

Further, with this response, Applicant has amended elected claim 1 and cancelled elected claim 11 and nonelected claim 19. In addition, new claims 20-23 have been added. Applicant respectfully submits that new claims 20-23 fall within elected Group I. Accordingly, it is requested that examination continue on claims 1-9, 12-14, 18, and new claims 20-23.

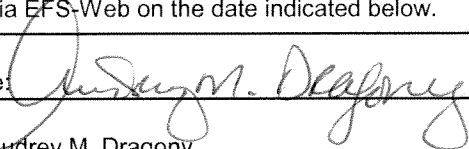
If upon review of the above information, the Examiner has any questions concerning the same, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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